

House Resolution No. 2055

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious organizations that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Macon Presbyterian Church of Macon, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction since its establishment One Hundred and Fifty years ago in 1858 when the town was known as "Hudson"; and

Whereas, on April 27, 2008, Macon Presbyterian Church will celebrate its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary by hosting an organ concert on its century-old tracker action instrument with American Guild of Organists member Michael Alan Bancroft performing; and

Whereas, pastor Brian Butler has served the congregation for thirty years and oversaw the complete refurbishment of the sanctuary, including the large stained glass window over the east balcony that was removed and completely renovated; and

Whereas, Macon Presbyterian Church is listed on the American Presbyterian/Reformed Historical Sites Register in light of its historical significance as the first-ever merger between First Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches; and

Whereas, Macon Presbyterian Church has been the home of several people who have made exceptional contributions as missionaries and pastors; and

Whereas, although the first Macon Presbyterian Church building was on Bourke Street and constructed at a cost of 500 dollars, the current building was erected more than century ago at a cost of \$27,000; and

Whereas, in addition to its sanctuary chandeliers that are still equipped to light with gas or electricity, Macon Presbyterian Church houses a Kilgen Organ Company of Saint Louis instrument that is completely original except for the addition of an electric motor to power the bellows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Macon Presbyterian Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of their spiritual institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Macon Presbyterian Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Shively
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2055, adopted April 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker